White Paper on the present status of PSUs

56. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue a White Paper on the present status of the Public Sector Units in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to shut down profit making and no loss-no profit making units also;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of employees given VRS in PSUs in the country during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) A White Paper on the Public Sector Undertakings under the administrative control of the Department of Heavy Industry is under preparation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Around 19000 employees in the PSUs under the administrative control of the Department of Heavy Industry have availed the benefits of VRS during the last three years.

PSUs in Assam

57. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of public sector undertakings functioning at present in the State of Assam, location-wise/PSUs-wise;

(b) the details of total amount invested in each of them during the last three years; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to set up PSUs in the State during the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI

KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) As per Registered Offices there are five Central Public Sector Undertakings located in the State of Assam and are in operation. The enterprise-wise details *i.e.* location of Registered Offices and investment made in these enterprises during the last three years is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) As per available information, there is no proposal to set up new PSUs in the State of Assam during the Ninth Plan. However, the details of projects of Rs. 100 crores and above, being implemented presently in the country including the State of Assam, are given in Chapter II of Volume-I of the Public Enterprises Survey 1998-99, which was laid in the Parliament during the last Budget Session.

Statement

Investment made in PSUs during last three years, located in Assam.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of PSU and location of Registered Office	Investment made during 1998-99	1997-98	1996-97	Total
1.	Assam Ashok Hotel Corporation Limited, Guwahati	0	0	0	0
2.	Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Limited, Dhaligaon	0	0	0	0
3.	North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd., Guwahati	—4	0	104	100
4.	Numaligarh Refinery Limited, Dispur	17862	10342	14032	42236
5.	Oil India Limited, Duliajan	0	0	7134	7134
	TOTAL:	17858	10342	21270	49470

Complaints about recruitment in PSUs

58. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there are several complaints about recruitment in the public sector undertakings;

(b) whether the officers are avoiding Bhumiputras; and